

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows at page 19, lines 7-8.

-- FIG. 13 is a schematic representation of a trimolecular affinity probe used in Example 4 having a non-interactive label in the first (A) and second (B) hybridized conformations. The nucleotide sequence “-----CGTGGGGTTTGCAGTCGTAG” in FIG. 13 is a C-terminal partial sequence of SEQ ID NO:123 in the Sequence Listing filed April 14, 2004. The nucleotide sequence “GACTGCAAAACCCC” in FIG. 13 is identified by SEQ ID NO:130 in the Sequence Listing filed April 14, 2004. The nucleotide sequence “CTACGACTGCAA” in FIG. 13 is identified by SEQ ID NO:131 in the Sequence Listing filed April 14, 2004. --

Please amend the specification as follows at page 19, lines 13-15.

-- FIG. 15 is a schematic representation of an immobilized trimolecular affinity probe used in Example 9 having a non-interactive label in the first (A) and second (B) hybridized conformations. The nucleotide sequence “----CGTGGGGTTTGCAGTCGTAG” in FIG. 15 is a C-terminal partial sequence of SEQ ID NO:135. The nucleotide sequence “GACTGCAAAACCCC” in FIG. 15 is identified by SEQ ID NO:133 in the Sequence Listing filed April 14, 2004. The nucleotide sequence “CTACGACTGCAA” in FIG. 15 is identified by SEQ ID NO:131 in the Sequence Listing filed April 14, 2004. --

Please amend the specification as follows at page 19, lines 23-24.

-- FIG. 18 is a schematic representation of a unimolecular affinity probe used in Example 3 having a pair of interactive labels in the hybridized (A) and dissociated (B) conformations. The nucleotide sequence “GCAGCCTAGGAAACACCAAAGATGATATTGGCTGC” in FIG. 18 is identified by SEQ ID NO:127 in the Sequence Listing filed April 14, 2004. --